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Be it known that I, **HUGO HAMILTON**, residing at **5477
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20 of which the following is a specification.

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TECHNICAL FIELD

10 The present invention relates generally to bedding, and more specifically to a pillow cover functionally designed to easily receive and securely envelop any conventional pillow.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

15 Generally, a pillow cover functions as a protective barrier between an underlying pillow and the user's head, preventing the pillow from becoming soiled with head and/or facial dirt, sweat and/or natural oils. As such, many individuals frequently change and/or launder their pillow covers to maintain a hygienic and/or sanitary sleeping
20 atmosphere.

Additionally, some individuals who are easily susceptible to common household allergens, such as dust, dust mites and/or exteriorly-introduced pollen, typically replace their pillow

covers daily so as to reduce the likelihood of an allergic reaction and/or inflammation of mucousal tissue.

Unfortunately, however, such frequent replacement of pillow covers can become time-consuming and tedious. Additionally, as most individuals who have changed a pillow cover before have discovered, it is somewhat tasking to slide a pillow into a pillow cover, often requiring more physical force than anticipated.

Therefore, it is readily apparent that there is a need for a pillow cover that quickly and effortlessly receives and securely envelops a conventional pillow therein, thus facilitating frequent changes and/or replacement of the pillow cover as desired.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Briefly described, in a preferred embodiment, the present invention overcomes the above-mentioned disadvantages, and meets the recognized need for such a device by providing a pillow cover that can be quickly and effortlessly placed over and removed from a conventional pillow, thus facilitating as

many changes and/or replacements of the pillow cover as desired.

According to its major aspects and broadly stated, the
5 present invention in its preferred form is a pillow cover having hook-and-loop fasteners.

More specifically, the present invention is a pillow
cover having hook-and-loop, zipper, snap, hook, or button
10 fasteners, or the like, strategically placed on the edges of two sides of the pillow cover, thus permitting the pillow cover to open for placement of a pillow therein, rather than the sliding of a pillow therein. Upon placing a pillow within the open pillow cover, the open sides of the pillow case are
15 refastened via the hook-and-loop fasteners. In an alternate embodiment, the pillow cover further employs a drawstring to enable the secured enveloping of the pillow cover over the enclosed pillow.

20 Accordingly, a feature and advantage of the present invention is its ability to permit frequent quick and effortless pillow cover changes.

Another feature and advantage of the present invention is its ability to be manufactured to receive any size pillow.

Yet another feature and advantage of the present invention is its ease of use.

Still another feature and advantage of the present invention is its simplicity of design.

Still yet another feature and advantage of the present invention is its ability to be adapted/altered to allow utilization thereof over most any type of pillow.

These and other features and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent to one skilled in the art from the following description and claims when read in light of the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The present invention will be better understood by reading the Detailed Description of the Preferred and Alternate Embodiments with reference to the accompanying

drawing figures, in which like reference numerals denote similar structures and refer to like elements throughout, and in which:

5 **FIG. 1** is a perspective view of pillow cover according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of pillow cover according to an alternate embodiment of the present invention;

10 **FIG. 3** is a perspective view of pillow cover according to an alternate embodiment of the present invention; and,

FIG. 3A is a perspective view of pillow cover according to an alternate embodiment of the present invention, showing the pillow cover in use.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED
AND ALTERNATIVE EMBODIMENTS

20 In describing the preferred and alternate embodiments of the present invention, as illustrated in **FIGS. 1-3A**, specific terminology is employed for the sake of clarity. The

invention, however, is not intended to be limited to the specific terminology so selected, and it is to be understood that each specific element includes all technical equivalents that operate in a similar manner to accomplish similar functions.

Referring now to **FIG. 1**, the present invention in its preferred embodiment is a pillow cover **10** having first side **12**, second side **14**, hook fastener portion **16** and loop fastener portion **18** of hook-and-loop fastener **20**, wherein pillow cover **10** is substantially rectangular-shaped and formed from suitable material as known within the art. Although the preferred shape of pillow cover **10** is rectangular, it is contemplated in an alternate embodiment that pillow cover **10** could possess any desired shape.

Preferably, first side **12** possesses edges **12a**, **12b**, **12c** and **12d**, and second side **14** possesses edges **14a**, **14b**, **14c** and **14d**, wherein edges **12a**, **14a**, and edges **12b**, **14b**, are preferably joined so as to form closed ends. Preferably affixed along the entirety of edges **12c**, **12d** is hook fastener portion **16** of hook-and-loop fastener **20**. Hook fastener portion **16** is preferably aligned with and fastenable to loop

fastener portion **18** of hook-and-loop fastener **20**, wherein loop fastener portion **18** is preferably affixed along the entirety of edges **14c**, **14d**. Upon placing a pillow **PP** between first side **12** and second side **14** of pillow cover **10**, edges **12c**, **12d** of first side **12** are preferably brought into contact with edges **14c**, **14d**, respectively, of second side **14**, thus permitting first side **12** and second side **14** to fully envelop pillow **PP**. Although hook-and-loop fastener **20** is preferably utilized to secure pillow cover **10** around a conventional pillow, it is contemplated in an alternate embodiment that zippers could be utilized instead and/or in combination therewith.

Referring now to **FIG. 2**, the present invention in an alternate embodiment is a pillow cover **100** having first side **12**, second side **14**, hook fastener portion **16** and loop fastener portion **18** of hook-and-loop fastener **20**, and drawstring mechanism **30**, wherein pillow cover **100** is substantially rectangular-shaped and formed from suitable bedding material as known within the art.

First side **12** possesses edges **12a**, **12b**, **12c** and **12d**, and second side **14** possesses edges **14a**, **14b**, **14c** and **14d**, wherein

edges **12a**, **14a**, and edges **12b**, **14b**, are joined so as to form closed ends. Affixed along the entirety of edges **12c**, **12d** is hook fastener portion **16** of hook-and-loop fastener **20**. Hook fastener portion **16** is aligned with and fastenable to loop fastener portion **18** of hook-and-loop fastener **20**, wherein loop fastener portion **18** is affixed along the entirety of edges **14c**, **14d**.

Formed along the entirety of edges **14a**, **14b** and **14d** of second side **14** is enclosed channel **32** of drawstring mechanism **30**, wherein enclosed channel **32** possesses exits **32a**, **32b** formed proximal edge **14c** of second side **14**. Positioned within enclosed channel **32** is drawstring **34** of drawstring mechanism **30**, wherein ends **34a**, **34b** of drawstring **34** extend outwardly from exits **32a**, **32b**, respectively, of enclosed channel **32**, and are knotted together via knot **35**. It will be apparent to one ordinarily skilled in the art that the above-referenced drawstring arrangement might similarly extend from either or any of sides **14a**, **14b**, **14c**, and/ or **14d**.

Upon placing a pillow **PP** between first side **12** and second side **14** of pillow cover **10**, edges **12c**, **12d** of first side **12** are preferably brought into contact with edges **14c**, **14d**,

respectively, of second side **14**, thus permitting first side **12** and second side **14** to fully envelop pillow **PP**. Although hook-and-loop fastener **20** is preferably utilized to secure pillow cover **10** around a conventional pillow, it is contemplated in
5 an alternate embodiment that zippers, buttons, snaps, hooks, and/or other well-known fabric fastening mechanisms could be utilized instead thereof and/or in combination therewith. Thereafter, drawstring **34** is utilized to tighten first side **12** and second side **14** around the underlying pillow **PP** via pulling
10 on knot **35** of drawstring **34**.

Referring now to **FIG. 3**, it is contemplated in an alternate embodiment that pillow cover **200**, substantially similar in design to pillow cover **10**, could possess hook-and-loop fasteners **50** affixed proximal to edges **12a**, **12b**, **12c** and
15 **12d** of first side **12** and on outer surface **12e** of first side **12**, thus permitting a pillow-filled first pillow cover **200** to be attached in any arrangement to a pillow-filled second pillow cover **200** to yield bolster **250**, as best illustrated in
20 **FIG. 3A**. It is contemplated in yet another alternate embodiment that hook-and-loop fasteners **50** could be affixed proximal to any edge of pillow cover **200** to facilitate attachment of a plurality of pillow-filled pillow covers **200**

in any desired arrangement. Ancillary convenience items, such as cup holders, writing platforms, or the like, may be similarly affixed to one or more segments of bolster **250** for the use and benefit of the user.

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It is contemplated in an alternate embodiment that hook-and-loop fasteners **20** of pillow covers **10** and **100**, and hook-and-loop fastener **50** of pillow covers **200**, could either be long strips or small sectional pieces.

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Having thus described exemplary embodiments of the present invention, it should be noted by those skilled in the art that the within disclosures are exemplary only, and that various other alternatives, adaptations, and modifications may be made within the scope of the present invention. Accordingly, the present invention is not limited to the specific embodiments illustrated herein, but is limited only by the following claims.

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